IV.—AMENDMENT TO THE RULES UNDER THE COTTON TRANSPORT ACT I.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I move, Sir, that—

'*This Council recommends to the Provincial Government that the following notification submitted to it for approval under section 8 of the Cotton Transport Act (Central Act III of 1923) be issued in the form submitted :—* 4-45 p.m.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Cotton Transport Act, 1923 (Central Act III of 1923), His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby makes the following amendment to the rules published with Development Department notification, published at pages 1455 *to* 1461 *of Part I of the* Fort St. George Gazette, *dated the 25th September 1928, as subsequently amended :—*

Amendment.

For rule (9-A) of the said rules, the following rule shall be substituted, namely :—

" *(9-A) The licensing authority may require the inspection of any consignment of cotton by an afficer of the Agricultural department before the grant of a licence for the import of the consignment into a " protected area." The rates for such inspection shall be as follows :—*

(i) Ginned cotton or cotton waste.	*Rupee one per bale of 400 lb. or part thereof.*
(ii) Unginned cotton.	*Rupees two per bale of 800 lb. or part thereof.*
(iii) Cotton seed ..	*Annas eight for every 1,000 lb. or part thereof.*

The levy of fees for the inspection of ginned or unginned cotton and cotton waste and cotton seed shall however be subject to a minimum of Rs. 100 in respect of such inspection irrespective of the number of varieties of cotton inspected. The officer will not be deputed for inspection outside the limits of the Province." '

This is only for making a provision for charging a fee for inspection of cotton, Sir, because we are now receiving a large number of requests for inspection. Before there was only a fee for a licence. Now we have to depute an officer to go and inspect the cotton and we thought it proper that we should charge a fee for such inspection. Accordingly we are providing for a scale of fee to be levied as inspecton charges."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The House will now adjourn and meet to-morrow at 11 a.m. for non-official business."

The House adjourned.